other NTPC projects, cost estimates for Faridabad Gas Power Project were based on the latest awarded rates for similar projects taking into account effect of price escalation changes in the rates of taxes and duties, exchange rate variation etc.

(c) No, Sir.

Pending Power Projects of Andhra Pradesh

2030. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals from Andhra Pradesh pending for clearance to locate Diesel power station at Renigunta and Hydel project at Jurala;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) at what stage of consideration are the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) A 100 MW Oil based Diesel Engine Power Plant proposal at Renigunta (Distt. Chittor) in Andhra Pradesh is under consideration in the Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance. Pnyadarshim Jurala H.E. Project (6 X 36.9 MW) was cleared by CEA on 10-3-92 and is pending with the Ministry of Environment & Forests for environmental clearance.

Clearance of Mukerian Hydel Project

2031. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the feasibility report of the scheme of Mukerian Hydel Project Stage II has been sent by Punjab Government to the Central Government for its technical approval; and

(b) if so, by when the clearance is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Project Report in respect of the Mukhenan Hydel Project Stage II has not so far been received in the Central Electricity Authority from the Government of Punjab.

Power Projects Formulated Since July, 1991

2032. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single power generating projects has been grounded since July, 1991 in the private sector or joint sector or with foreign collaboration;

(b) what are the reasons for this stalemate;

(c) what number of applications have been received by his Ministry since July, 1991 from all sectors to set up power projects;

(d) what are the details of such applications cleared by Government; and

(e) what number of applications are at present receiving scrutiny?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Since July, 1991 seven projects have been approved for a total capacity of 4950 MW from foreign investment angle. Promoters are discussing details, of Power Purchase Agreement, Ccmmissioning schedule, with the concerned State Electricity Boards and State Governments. Three (3) project proponents who have concluded Power Purchase Agreements are now in the process of tieing up their finance. It is expected that some among these should be finalised soon and work commenced. Existing Private Sector Companies have taken up construction of 1337 MW additional capacity. One new company has taken up construction of 12 MW.

(b) There is no stalemate.

(c) 46 expressions of interest have been received to set up power projects in the private sector.

(d) The following proposal have been cleared from foreign investment angle:

Sl. No.	Name of Project/State	Capacity (MW)	Provisional cost Estimate (Rs. crores)	Name of Company
1.	NLC Zero Unit/Tamil Nadu	210	750	S.T. Power Systems (USA).
2.	Vishakhapatnam TPS/ Andhra Pradesh	1000	3000	Ashok Leyland & National Power (UK).
3.	Dabhol CCGT(LNG)/ Maharashtra.	1920	8480	Enron Power Development Corp./ General Electric (USA).
4.	Kakinada (Godavari) GBPP/ Andhra Pradesh.	200	655	Spectrum Power Generation Ltd.
5.	Jegurupadu (Godavari) GBPP/ Andhra Pradesh.	200	675	GVK Industries.
6.	Mangalore TPS/Karnataka.	1000	5088	Cogentrix (USA).
7.	Ib Valley TPS/Orissa	420	2020	AES Trans Power (USA).

(e) All the proposals are in various stages of processing.

Costly Power from Japanese Aided Power Projects

2033. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the Economic Times of 19th July, 1993 captioned "Costly Power is better than none, feels Government";

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are forced to accept high hidden costs for Japanese aided power projects;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Japanese cartel is operating to push up costs; and

(d) what steps Government have initiated to protect the country's interests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Government have seen the news-item.

(b) to (d) In recent years, Overseas Economic & Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan have been assisting the Indian power sector in a significant manner. Procurement of equipment for projects receiving OECF assistance from the year 1993-94 are generally united, full ICB procedures are permissible and shall be used to procure equipment on a competitive basis.

मध्य प्रदेश में विद्युत का अभाव

2034. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या **विद्युत** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में विद्युत की कितनी कमी है और यह कमी कब तक बने रहने की संभावना है ;

(ख) क्या यह सुनिश्चित किया गया है कि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राज्य में विद्युत की कमी को दूर कर दिया जायेगा; और

(ग) इस संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश को क्या सहायता प्रदान करेगी ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) अप्रैल, 93 जून, 93 की अवधि के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में 5.9% ऊर्जा की कमी थी। 1993-94 की अवधि के दौरान 13.9% ऊर्जा की कमी का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

(ख) आठवीं योजना के अन्त तक मध्य प्रदेश में 6.6% ऊर्जा की प्रत्याशित कमी रहने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।